

REMARKS

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 10-17. Claims 1 - 9 and 18 have been canceled.


The specification has been amended to contain a cross reference to the parent application.

Applicants confirm their claim to priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-208593 filed on July 10, 2000. The certified copy was filed in the parent application, serial no. 09/682,002 filed on July 6, 2001.

The assignee of this application is International Business Machines Corporation of Armonk, New York, as note in the assignment filed in parent application serial no. 09/682,002. That assignment was recorded at Reel 012116, Frame 0252.

From PTO-1449, and copies of five references cited thereon that are not U.S. patents, are enclosed herewith. These documents were made of record in the parent application.

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